

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 22, 2007

S. 254

A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi

As passed by the Senate on May 21, 2007

S. 254 would authorize the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to posthumously present on behalf of the Congress a gold medal to Constantino Brumidi, in recognition of his significant contributions to the design and decoration of the United States Capitol building. The medal would be displayed in the Capitol Visitor Center. To help recover the costs of the medal, the legislation would authorize the Mint to strike and sell bronze duplicates of the medal at a price that covers production costs for both the medal and the duplicates.

Based on the costs of recent medals produced by the Mint, CBO estimates that enacting S. 254 would not significantly increase direct spending from the U.S. Mint Public Enterprise Fund. We estimate that the gold medal would cost about \$35,000 to produce over the next few months, including about \$10,000 for the cost of the gold and around \$25,000 for the costs to design, engrave, and manufacture the medal. CBO expects that the Mint would recoup some of its costs by selling bronze duplicates to the public.

S. 254 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect state, local, or tribal governments.

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